

The Corporation for National
and Community Service

presents the

2005
**Spirit of
Service
Awards**



**Nominate an
Outstanding Volunteer**



AmeriCorps member Katie Teske has helped hundreds of area low-income children and families by initiating a dental health program and a Girl Scout empowerment program at three different sites.

*AmeriCorps*VISTA member Jamie Mauk-Olson's grantwriting efforts have brought in more than \$470,000 to support home repair and weatherization programs, school programs, a family crisis fund, and a new financial literacy program.*

Silver Two Team — NCCC Southeast Region, Charleston, SC, campus has publicly inspired congregations, teachers, students, and organizations with whom they work. The team's involvement with one after-school program led to permanent changes in the curriculum and a new enthusiasm among the program's counselors, who have seen a marked improvement in participating students.

Since completing her AmeriCorps service in '99, Amity Tripp has volunteered in Ghana, West Africa, as a project leader with DC Cares, and as a site coach with Girls on the Run. Now Amity is putting her volunteer skills to use to help build the District of Columbia chapter of AmeriCorps Alums to help connect Alums with continued service and civic engagement opportunities.

Do you know a current or former member who exemplifies the purpose and meaning of AmeriCorps?

Share their Stories and the Spirit of Service.

AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) are committed to recognizing and celebrating outstanding service by their members and alumni. The Spirit of Service Awards pay tribute to the most outstanding participants in each of the Corporation's programs, which also include Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America.

The awards will be presented to the winners during a special ceremony at the 2005 National Conference on Volunteering and Service, August 4-6, in Washington, DC. Nominations are currently being sought. Nominees must exemplify the spirit of national service, demonstrate exceptional service or leadership, and serve as role models for others in their community.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Four award recipients will be selected among AmeriCorps nominees. One winner will be selected from each of the following categories:

- an AmeriCorps member including State, National, Tribes, Territories, Education Award programs;
- an AmeriCorps*NCCC member;
- an AmeriCorps*VISTA member; and
- an AmeriCorps alum.

Members may be nominated under only one category within AmeriCorps. Members who have completed service in an AmeriCorps program before April 15, 2005, should be nominated under the "Alumni" category. All members completing service after that date or currently serving should be nominated under one of the other appropriate categories.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations may be made by any person affiliated with an AmeriCorps grantee or sponsoring organization such as fellow members, team leaders, project directors, or organization staff; any state commission staff member; or any Corporation staff member. Self-nominations also are permitted.

All nominations must include a narrative of 500 words or less in support of the nomination (see guidelines below):

- Nominee's name, address, telephone number, fax, e-mail address, and dates of service.
- Nominator's name and title, organization name, address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address.
- Please specify the category of AmeriCorps program (see eligibility requirements) for which you are nominating.

Incomplete nomination submissions will be disqualified.

There are three easy ways to submit a nomination:

1. Fill out an online nomination form at www.nationalservice.gov/spiritofservice
2. Send by e-mail to spiritofserviceawards@cns.gov
3. Fax to 202-565-2824

Each nomination must be submitted separately. If you have questions, please call 202-606-5000 ext. 282. The nomination deadline is Monday, May 2, at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. Nominations received after this date may not be considered.

NARRATIVE GUIDELINES

The narrative should address one or more of the following qualities of the nominee:

1. Contributions to strengthening the community through volunteer service (for instance, describe the activity, history of nominee's community activities, major accomplishments, mobilization of human and capital resources, and fostering of collaborations and cross-sector partnerships).
2. Special leadership qualities (describe ability to inspire and encourage others and to bring together resources).
3. Ability to achieve tangible outcomes (for instance, discuss problems solved, numbers of people reached, measurable change, dollars saved, effective leveraging of volunteers and resources).
4. Any extraordinary effort made by the individual or group, and any challenges or obstacles that were overcome in making these contributions, including new and emerging community needs or innovative approaches implemented.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of AmeriCorps staff members at the Corporation and representatives of the AmeriCorps service community. The committee will make its recommendations to the executive staff of the Corporation. Final selections will be determined by the executive staff of the Corporation. All decisions about award recipients are final.

If a nominee is selected, the nominee and nominator will be contacted by telephone. Award recipients will be invited to travel as a guest of the Corporation to Washington, DC, where they will be recognized during a special ceremony at the National Conference on Volunteering and Service.

Nominators will be notified of the status of their nominations once the selection process is completed. The list of all award recipients will be posted on the www.nationalservice.gov website. Information submitted becomes the property of the Corporation and will not be returned to the nominator.

Privacy Policy: You are advised that a nominee's name, as well as all submission material, may be used for news or publicity programs connected with the Corporation for National and Community Service. Contact information, however, will not be shared with anyone outside the Corporation, and only with individuals within the Corporation who have an official need to know the information. Finally, if a nominee or nominator does not want his or her name and/or narrative information used for purposes of news, publicity, and publications, please indicate this within your submission.

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